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INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Turkish Troops on Cyprus\*

1. Our best evidence suggests that Turkish troop strength on Cyprus remains in the vicinity of 30,000 men, despite temporary fluctuations in daily Turkish troop strength on the Island.

[redacted] the number of troops entering the port of Famagusta exceeded those departing by approximately 1,900 men. These movements are apparently part of a large summer rotation on the part of Turkish mainland troops on [redacted] count up to approximately 29,500 men. This figure brings [redacted] closer to the 30,400 troops cited as on-duty strength [redacted]

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[redacted] . Based on past observation of summer rotations, we believe that while Turkish strength may go as high as 32,000 during the rotation period, it will probably stabilize at about 30-31,000 troops before the end of the summer.

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DIA review  
completed.

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NOTE FOR: Nelson Ledsky

SUBJECT: IIM, Turkish Troops on Cyprus

1. Attached is another short Inter-agency Intelligence Memorandum, updating our assessment of Turkish troop strength on Cyprus, and timed to be of use in connection with the administration's bimonthly report on Cyprus to Congress. We will provide a similar wrapup at the end of September.

2. This reading reflects some fairly sizable movement through Famagusta, apparently related to summer troop rotations. There is, however, little net difference.

3. A copy of the IIM will be sent to Greg Treverton at the NSC.

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
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